

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday June 23rd 2016 at The White House, Appleby.

Present

Phyl Rouston	Chairman
Carol Dougherty	
Martin Railton	Research
Martin Joyce	Newsletter Editor
Mike Godfrey	Treasurer
Richard Stevens	Secretary

Apologies

Heather Edwards	Membership Secretary
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Notes of the last meeting

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a correct record.

1/6/16 Matters arising.

Martin said that he had been in contact with David Boote and that he had agreed to try to produce the Autumn Newsletter with his assistance.

2/6/16 Membership

No update on membership.

3/6/16 Treasurer's Report

Mike said that the grant monies, £9,300, had been received from HLF

4/6/16 Research

Dig Appleby Project: See minutes of Project Meeting No.1 dated Wednesday June 8th 2016 and Project Meeting No.2 dated 23 June 2016.

5/6/16 Correspondence

- a) Richard said that he had received an email from Alan Houghton at Eden DC explaining that the council, together with other interested parties were making an application for funds to make Appleby part of a Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) and inviting Appleby Archaeology to become part of the group. Richard had discussed this with Phyl and sent the email on to Martin R for his input.

After some discussion, it became clear to all that this invitation had come out of a chance meeting between Martin R, Andy Connell and Carl Bendelow in Appleby. As a separate exercise, Martin had contacted Historic England (HE, were English Heritage) with a view to obtaining the information that they held on Appleby, in order to further the Dig Appleby Project. As HE was part of the HAZ grouping, these discussions coalesced into a recommendation from HE that Appleby Archaeology should be included. As a result it was agreed that Richard should reply to Eden DC accepting the invitation but point out that our first priority would naturally be the Dig Appleby Project. **(Richard)**

It was agreed that, subject to availability, one member of the committee should attend

the HAZ group meetings. Martin J offered to attend & all agreed.

Martin R explained that he had organised a meeting with HE in Manchester the following week to discuss the material they held on Appleby and that some discussion of the HAZ would probably take place during that meeting.

- b) Phyl had received an email from Alice Hook, the widow of a building surveyor who explained that some time ago, she had given her late husband's level to Trish Shaw as a donation to the group. She was wondering if these had been of use but had heard nothing about them. In addition, she was offering the group some drawing boards and drawers. Phyl said that she knew nothing about this but had emailed Trish to find out where they were. Trish had replied that because of the upsets to their household in the last few months, she had not done anything with the equipment.

The final outcome was that Phyl had been to see Alice to apologise on behalf of the group, to thank her for the level and to decline the offer of the drawing board and set of drawers (on Martin R's advice). The committee agreed that there should be a written apology to Alice, and a mention of the donation in the Autumn Newsletter and that a copy would be sent to Alice. **(Phyl, Martin J)**

Martin R agreed to store the level.

- c) Richard said that he had received a letter from a lady in Brough trying to locate her family home, now part of the army ranges at Hilton. He explained that after talking to Marjorie Campion, he had passed her contact details on. Marjorie had lots of information on the place, Fell Dykes and would be pleased to pass it on.

6/6/16 Programme

Regarding the empty slot in the talks programme for February 2017, Richard wondered if Martin R could contact someone in Northern Archaeology Associates in Barnard Castle to provide someone to talk about the A1 upgrading between Leeming Bar & Scotch Corner. Martin agreed to contact Steve Sherwood of NAA, who supervised the project on behalf of Blaise Vyner Associates. **(Martin R)**

7/6/16 Administration Systems

Martin J said that he had been reminded by the discussion on the levels that he should update the asset register. **(Martin J)**

8/6/16 AOB

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Time & date of next meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 1 September at The White House, Appleby.